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Subject: Informal Conference comments received
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Attached please find comments by Joy Hartley and Richard Hartley who sent their comments to the Price field Office by mail.

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Priscilla Burton,

This is much like the letter I sent to Dana Dean, I'm not sure who all we should send to so this division hears our issues by June 20, 2008.

My name is Joy Hartley and I live in Kane County, south of Hatch, UT which is in Garfield County. I was at the conference in Alton, UT regarding the Alton Coal Mine Project.

I was middle of the road on the issue until I attended the conference. My husband has been opposed mostly for traffic and environmental issues.

I can see Alton residents point of view for the Coal Mine, it will bring jobs for residents and family who wish to work for 5 to 7 years while the mine is in operation and all the 300 daily trucks will by pass their town, wow! Who wouldn't like that?

My view: We must depend on Garfield County to maintain $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of access road to get to our Kane County property, which is our full time residence. Last winter, they (~~Kane~~ Garfield Cty) had some equipment failure and stated they may no longer maintain that road, there are no Garfield County residents effected, so I can almost see their point of view as well.

However that leaves us $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road not maintained to snowmobile in and out of our home for emergency or neccessities. Last year that was over 4 weeks and cost us major repairs on 2 of our 3 snowmobiles due to the condition of the road

My issues: If Garfield County isn't willing to repair a road for Kane County residents now, what's going to happen 1) to the roads (ours & Hwy 89) when Garfield County roads become worse due to the added Kane County business traffic and 2) to our access which is limited now on to Hwy 89 due to a hill to our left (south) about 100 yds up and we add 300 trucks daily loaded with coal and starting a downhill run?

Kane County accepts our tax money as does the state of Utah in which we get zero attention, consideration or benefit, from either entity.

We had to prove to Kane County upon application that our residence was in Kane County, not Garfield, and when we approached them about the road, they said it's a Garfield County concern, they had their hands tied.

If Kane County can treat some residents like they treat our community, what makes Alton residents believe Kane County wants the Alton Coal Project for the good of Alton and not just for the revenue it could bring in?

Kane County has no rapport with Garfield and I fear this may fuel the fire with the good people of Alton, Bryce Woodlands, Aspen Meadow, Hatch & Panguitch caught in the middle.

I am opposed to this on many levels, but I believe the people (forefathers, residents, etc, etc) of Garfield County's Hatch & Panguitch should have consideration and road monies should be in place before any permits/licenses/whatever are considered.

Also, Alton "proper" is being bypassed by the 300 or so trucks per day, so of course they have alot to profit from this mine and only health and air quality for consideration.

Thank you for hearing from all points of view,

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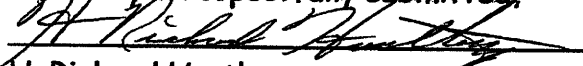
Attention Ms. Priscilla Burton:

I have just returned from the open forum "conference" in Alton, Utah where you addressed the location of the road which will bypass Alton proper. Your presentation was both informative & middle of the road. (No pun intended). Thank you for presenting the facts in a non-biased & forthright manner.

My name is Richard Hartley. I spoke at the "conference" concerning the crossing of Hwy. 20 in the wintertime, you may recall. I am not given to objecting to anything unless I am genuinely concerned about a greater good. As I mentioned, I too have addressed the environment, pollution, air quality and all the other issues that were covered that evening. I have yet to hear or read about anyone else speaking to the issue of Hwy 20. That road was recently resurfaced from I-15 to SR 89. I have crossed that road many, many times both before & after it was resurfaced in good weather & in the worst winter had to offer. I cannot stress strongly enough the need for you or someone from your office to cross that road, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, in good weather. Failing to do this, you cannot possibly imagine the peril that awaits the driver of an 18 wheeler, full or empty, when crossing that road in winter time. And if the drivers DON'T take the time to "chain up" before approaching the summit, from EITHER direction, there will be death on that Hwy. I am not given to exaggeration, I am giving you the cold, hard truth. Please, drive this road and if you disagree with my position, I will say no more.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my deepest concern about this project.

Sincerely & respectfully submitted,


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